



# County of San Diego

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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is circulating for public review a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The draft EIR can be viewed at the Department of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Services Unit, 5469 Kearny Villa Road, Suite 305, San Diego, California, 92123; at the Santee Public Library, 9225 Carlton Hills Blvd Santee 92071; and <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/environment/envrnsvcs.html>. If you wish to challenge the County's action on the draft EIR in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues that you, or someone else, have raised in written correspondence.

The County of San Diego (County) is the lead agency in the preparation of the EIR for the Las Colinas Detention Facility Project. This document conforms to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and the County of San Diego's Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA.

**Project Title: LAS COLINAS DETENTION FACILITY (JFCF-00012), SCH No. 2006091036**

The project proposes replacement of the existing Las Colinas Detention Facility (LCDF) with a new 1,216-bed women's detention facility to accommodate the projected increase in the female inmate population. The proposed LCDF would also include facilities and services to facilitate implementation of the Sheriff's Department behavioral management program. The project site encompasses a total of 45 acres of County-owned property (APN 381-050-0700) located within the City of Santee, consisting of the existing approximately 16-acre LCDF site and approximately 29 acres of the adjacent Edgemoor Geriatric Hospital (Edgemoor) site. Primary access to the project site will be provided from the future Riverview Parkway. The proposed public entrance and parking for the new detention facility will be located near the northern boundary of the project site outside of the secure perimeter of LCDF.

The project facilities include a maximum of 512,537 square feet of building floor area consisting of inmate housing, administration facilities, a visitation center, security

administration, program and employment facilities, medical and food services, and facility services. Water, electricity, sewer and other necessary utility needs will be provided by the applicable utilities, including Padre Dam Municipal Water District and San Diego Gas & Electric. The proposed security plan incorporates a combination of architectural and operational features, including the provision of SDSO staff to monitor and manage the activities of inmates and patrol the campus perimeter. The proposed construction is anticipated to take 36 months, will be conducted in two primary phases and will include demolition of the existing LCDF and three buildings associated with the existing Edgemoor facility.

### **Significant Environmental Effects**

The significant environmental effects of the project are as follows: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Transportation/Traffic. All significant environmental effects are being mitigated below the level of significance, except Cultural Resources and Transportation/Traffic.

Written comments on this proposed draft EIR must be received no later than June 12, 2008 at 4:00 p.m., a 45-day public review period. Please send your response to Esther Daigneault, Environmental Planning Manager at 5469 Kearny Villa Road Suite 305, San Diego, CA 92123, or e-mail: [esther.daigneault@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:esther.daigneault@sdcounty.ca.gov), or fax (858) 874-4043. For additional information please contact Esther Daigneault at (858) 874-4107.